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Hague, December 18, *N. S.*

SOME Days ago the Council of State in a Body having presented to the States General the Estimate and Establishment of the Number of Forces to be kept up by this State for the ensuing Year, being the same as for the last, it is now under the Consideration of the States of Holland, who resumed their Assembly this Day: It has been likewise sent to the respective Provinces for their Approbation. The Prince of Orange Frise intends to leave this Place the End of this Week. Yesterday the States caused to be delivered to Count Golofkin, their Answer to the Letter which they had received from the Czarina, notifying the Death of the Russian Princess lately deceased. Count Golofkin has Advice, that the Czarina has nominated an Ambassadour to go to the Court of Great Britain.

Whitehall, December 14.

On the 10th Instant at Night Sir Charles Wager arrived at St. Helen's, in 20 Days from Gibraltar, with the following Ships under his Command, viz. the Namur, Princess Amelia, Grafton, Edinburgh, and Hampton-Court. The Exeter was gone to Plymouth. The rest of the Squadron, viz. the York, Kent, Canterbury, Cornwall, Buckingham, and Dreadnought, were separated from him in the Passage; but are expected soon.

Whitehall, December 11, 1731.

Whereas on Tuesday the 30th of November last, in the Night Time, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve, the Dwelling House of Thomas Page, Esq; at Battlesden, in the County of Bedford, was attempted to be broke open by Four Persons unknown; and on Friday the 3d Instant, between the Hours of Seven and Eight in the Evening, Samuel Lenton, a Servant of the said Mr. Page's, was fired at when he was in his Master's Brew-house adjoyning to the said Dwelling House, through a Hole in the Wall, and was in Danger of being killed, the Bullet taking off two Buttons from his Wastcoat; which Attempt upon the said Samuel Lenton was supposed to have been made by one of the Four Persons above-mentioned, in Revenge for his having discharged a Blunderbuss from the Window of the House at the Time that it was endeavoured to be broken open, as aforesaid, and thereby wounded, as he imagined, one or more of the said Four Persons: His Majesty, for the better detecting of the Persons concerned in such villanous and wicked Actions, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon, to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, (except the Person who fired at the said Samuel Lenton) so as they, or any of them, be apprehended and convicted thereof. HARRINGTON.

And as a further Encouragement, the said Thomas Page does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to the Person or Persons making such Discovery, (except to the Person who fired at the said Samuel Lenton,) and bringing the Criminals to Justice, as aforesaid.

Thomas Page.

East India House, Dec. 1, 1731.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice, that a General Court of the said Company will be holden at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 22d of this Instant December, at Eleven in the Forenoon, the same being a Quarterly Court. And that the Transfer Books of the said Company